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In the Application of:

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For: Automated Microtome Blade Changer

Group No.: 3724

Examiner: Flores-Sánchez, Omar

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2d Supplemental Response to Office Communication

Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner Flores-Sánchez:

This letter responds to the Office Communication dated 04/05/04. Per Paper No. 9, a 4-month extension of time is required for a timely response to the Office Communication due to Applicants' 2/6/04 Response being deemed non-responsive. Please charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-0861.

Comments

Applicants Supplemental Response dated 2/6/04 was deemed non-responsive, even though Applicants elected the species of claim 1 for further prosecution. Applicants now withdraw that election.

1. Species Election.

Applicants elect Group IV (claims 14-15), and in particular the species of Claim 14 for further prosecution. The invention species of claims 14 and 15 are disclosed in Figs. 7-8.

Date:

Respectfully submitted,

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